

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 4, line 17, as follows:

FIG. 2 is a schematic perspective view illustrating a washing brush element, having a cylindric ring body to which are applied[[,]] ~~schematically~~, only two band elements;

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 4, line 20, as follows:

FIG. 3 is an elevation view illustrating the washing brush element shown in FIG. 2;

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 4, line 22, as follows:

FIG. 4 is a further schematic elevation view illustrating a washing brush assembly made by axially connecting several washing brush[[es]] elements according to the invention;

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 3, as follows:

With reference to the number references of the above mentioned figures, the washing brush according to the present invention, which has been generally indicated by the reference number 10, comprises a cylindric ring body 11, of a per se known type, on the side surface thereof

are provided a plurality of band elements 12.

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 10, as follows:

The Each said band element[[s]] 12, in particular, are advantageously ~~made by using a plate like element~~ comprises an elongated substantially rectangular flat body of a closed cell foamed material, or an open-cell foamed material or, optionally, a felt material.

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 14, as follows:

The band elements 12 comprise a plurality of longitudinal slits 13, defining a plurality of bristles or strips 14, constituting the cleaning elements of the washing brush.

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 18, as follows:

The main feature of the invention is that the band elements arranged on the side surface of the cylindric ring body 11 are inclined with respect to the axial direction of said cylindric body.

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 28, as follows:

Moreover, the slanted arrangement of the bristles, which can be coupled to the cylindric body 11 by any suitable coupling means, allows to provide a longer band element, having a length larger than that of an imaginary band

element arranged in a direction parallel to the axis.

Kindly insert the following paragraph at page 6, line 2:

Advantageously each band element is engaged in a corresponding diagonal separated slanted seat, each having a length smaller than the diameter of the cylindric body, formed on the outer surface of the cylindric body 11, of substantially U shape and, as in particular shown in Fig. 5, the the cleaning strips 14 or bristles are defined by different slits or cuts longitudinally parallel extending through each brush element

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 6, line 19, as follows:

Moreover, the slanted or diagonal arrangement allows the orienting of the band elements and related end cleaning strips or bristles to be offset, notwithstanding a radial effect provided by the centrifugal force.

Kindly rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 7, line 1, as follows:

Furthermore, the slanted position of the band elements with the washing brush assembly arranged in a vertical position, in a stop condition thereof, will allow the band elements to fall in an ordered manner by automatically overlapping and partially contacting one another, (as shown in Fig. 6) thereby the brush

assembly can be packaged with a comparatively small size, without damaging the product in its packaged condition.